For more information on programs or events, call Human Services at 952-563-8733 or TTY 952-563-8740.



# CREATE YOUR OWN MASTERPIECE WOODWORKING MADE EASY

f you can dream it, you can build it at the Creekside Community
Center wood shop. Open to all adults, ages 55 and older who are interested in woodworking, the wood shop at Creekside provides the glue, nails and equipment you'll need to build your masterpiece.

Woodworkers must pass a proficiency test administered by a wood shop foreman. All participants are required to become members upon completion of the proficiency test.

Membership is free. Each visit to the wood shop is \$1.

Wood carvers do not need a membership or proficiency test, but must also provide their own wood. The wood shop is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 - 11:30 a.m.; wood carving is available on Wednesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.



### NEED A COMPUTER? WE'VE GOT A LAB FULL

The computer lab is open to adults, ages 55 and older, and persons of all ages with disabilities.

Computers are equipped with Microsoft Windows 7 or XP. The lab is open Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Registration is not required.
Computers are available on a firstcome, first-served basis. The daily cost
for use is \$3.50.

#### WE ROCK! CHECK OUT THE LAPIDARY

id you know Creekside offers a full lapidary shop for cutting, polishing and engraving stones?

Whether you are a seasoned engraver or a novice interested in learning more about this art form, the lapidary is the place to be, Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Polishing equipment, rocks and training for newcomers are available.

### BUILDING COMMUNITY GET WITH THE PROGRAM AT CREEKSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER



reekside Community Center is the place to be. A staple in the community for more than 40 years, Creekside boasts an active senior program and a variety of spaces that make it the ideal venue for special events, classes, workshops and more.

The Human Services Senior Program provides adults, ages 55 and older, and younger persons with disabilities countless opportunities for socializing, continuing

education, getting fit and more. The program consists of nearly 60 different activities – classes in woodworking, ceramics, poetry writing, music, computer literacy and other arts activities. These unique programs,



developed and run by senior volunteers, include senior leaders who provide structure and guidance for participants. See page HS4 for a calendar of upcoming activities.

Programs are held at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Avenue South, unless otherwise noted. For more information, contact Human Services.

### AN IDEAL VENUE HOST AN EVENT

Creekside has rooms for rent that accommodate 10 to 175 people.

Rental rates are determined by the Bloomington City Council, but can range from \$17.75 - \$90.50 per hour,

depending on
the size and type
of rental space.
Tables and chairs
are included
in all rentals.
Most rooms are
equipped with
Wi-Fi and a variety
of audio-visual
equipment, such as



DVD players, Nintendo Wii gaming systems, projectors, microphones and portable screens. Special rentals include a commercial kitchen, computer room, wood shop and piano. For more information or to rent a space, call 952-563-4944 V/TTY or visit the City's website.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: FAST FACILITY FACTS.

## WORKING FOR A COMMON GOOD MEET THE AGENCIES MAKING A DIFFERENCE

n addition to the Bloomington Senior Program, which hosts classes and events five days a week, there are several nonprofit and county agencies that operate out of Creekside. Bringing these organizations together under one roof gives residents convenient, local access to essential and quality-of-life services. Highlighted below are six of the local and regional nonprofit agencies that call Creekside home.

Bloomington United for Youth (BUY) Central Grounds Coffee House is the most recent addition. The program, run by local teens, is open to all Bloomington high school students in grades 9 - 12. Mondays, Wednesdays and every other Friday from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m., the coffeehouse provides teens with their own space to eat, watch movies, play games, do homework or just relax. Nearly 100 teens are involved in BUY.

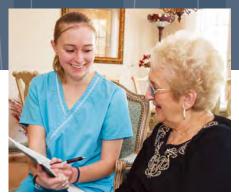
The Creekside Club, a Martin
Luther Care Center adult day program,
provides care for adults where they can
enjoy working on art projects, listening
to music, exercising, learning new skills
and more.



Hennepin County Economic and Child Care Assistance staff is available to review eligibility requirements for county financial assistance. Programs include food support, rent assistance and emergency funds. They also can assist in paying for child care expenses.

Hennepin South Services
Collaborative brings together cities
and schools, health and human service
providers, businesses and families to
improve the quality and effectiveness
of services provided to individuals and
families in Bloomington and other
communities.

Loaves & Fishes is a nonprofit organization that provides nutritious meals to those in need in the Twin Cities metro area. Meals are sponsored by local businesses and organizations, whose members purchase, prepare and serve the meals. Creekside is one of nine Loaves & Fishes sites in the metro area and only one of four sites that serves meals Monday through Friday. This valuable food program helps Bloomington residents stretch their food budgets while ensuring their families' nutritional needs are met. In 2010, nearly 38,600 meals were served.



Optage In-Home Care, a division of Presbyterian Homes & Services, provides highly trained nurses and caregivers who coordinate social visits, mobility assistance, laundry, light housekeeping, transportation to appointments, meal planning and preparation, grocery shopping and delivery, medication setup and reminders, physical, occupational and respiratory therapies, and more. Optage caregivers also provide coordination of care for older adults who wish to remain in their homes.

Senior Community Services and
CareNextion offer the Household and
Outside Maintenance for the Elderly
(H.O.M.E.) program to seniors, ages
55 and older, who need assistance
completing everyday household
chores, such as painting, yard work
and maintenance. The Senior Outreach
Program also has licensed social workers
who make home visits to assist seniors
and their family members in finding
and arranging for services. CareNextion
also provides online outreach services.

For information on any of the above programs, contact Human Services.